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THAYER ANCESTRY

SUPPLEMENT

TO THE

"FAMILY MEMORIAL

OF THE

EARLY SETTLERS OF NEW ENGLAND"

IN THE LINE OF

COL. ABRAHAM THAYER

His Ancestors and Descendants

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MY BELOVED MOTHER,

MARY WESTON THAYER LOOMIS,

THIS WORK IS GRATEFULLY

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ARRANGEMENT OF GENEALOGY.

The following genealogical arrangement recommends itself for its simplicity and facility in tracing relationship. The name occurs twice, as child and parent. Turn to the page designated by the index. The figures at the *left* in the margin denote the page on which the *child* is recorded as a *parent*. The figure at the *right* of the *parent's* name denotes the page on which these names occur as children.

A few old style dates occur previous to 1750, and even later the Puritan year began with March twenty-fifth. Consequently all dates occurring in January, February, and March may be credited to either year. These dates are entered as received. Reference is made to the "Family Memorial," published in 1835, by Mr. Elisha Thayer, Dedham, Mass., for a continuation of family lines other than that of Abraham.

INTRODUCTION.

The increasing desire of the present generations to know something of their ancestry, and to trace their genealogy back to those who first landed on the shores of New England, is the only *raison d'etre* of this little work. If it should be found in any degree useful, the purpose will be answered. The object of the author has been to throw some light on a subject which necessarily very few care for.

"Nothing seems at first sight less interesting or less instructive than a genealogical table, a mere register of names and dates. But each of these names is the memorial of an individual human life, that had its joys and sorrows, its cares and burdens, its affections and hopes, its conflicts and achievements, its opportunities wasted or improved, and its hour of death. Each of the dates of 'Births,' 'Marriages,' 'Deaths,' oh! how significant! What a day was each one of these to some human family, or to some circle of loving human hearts!"

It is not improbable that the arrival of the Puritan fathers in this country will form as memorable an epoch in history, and descendants, in direct line, will take as much pleasure in tracing their ancestry to the New England colonists, as do some of the English people of to-day, in being able to trace their descent from the Normans.

Owing to the hardships and trials which the Puritans endured, the uncertainty of their remaining in this country, and the little time afforded them for recording facts, there are but few families who have a full and complete record of genealogical data. But some items of interest may be gleaned if suitable patience and research are employed in collecting them. Some of our earliest records and memorials are in a state of decay, some names and dates have already become obliterated, some portions lost and probably lost for-

ever. Every effort should therefore be made to preserve these records, and save them from the ruins of time.

The coat-of arms was granted to the Thayer name in England, and recorded in the Lincolnfield heraldic office.

Burke's "Heraldry," and also Fairbairn's, give the coat-of-arms as follows:

"Co. Essex: Per pale erm. and gu. three talbot's heads erased, counterchanged; crest, a talbot's head erased, per fesse, erm. and gu."

In early times the name was spelled in various ways, Thaire, Thayer, Theyar, Thair, Theyer.

It will be noticed that Abraham Thayer,[6] pp. 24 and 49, married Lydia Thayer,[6] of the same name. Her ancestry is given in Part I, back to Ephraim,[5] Shadrach,[2] and Thomas Thayer,[1] p. 17, and through the wife of Ephraim Thayer to John Alden, p. 13.

Part II, page 41, contains the ancestry of Abraham Thayer[6] back to Richard Thayer.[1] Both Richard[1] and Thomas[1] came from the parish of Thornbury, Gloucestershire, England, about 1640. Col. Abraham,[7] pp. 26 and 50, son of Abraham[6] and Lydia (Thayer[6]) Thayer, is the one in whom our interest centers; and the ancestry of his brother Jonathan, pp. 24 and 49, and cousin Gen. Sylvanus Thayer, p. 46, is also given.

To enumerate all those to whom I am under obligations for furnishing information would be difficult, and I must beg them collectively to accept my assurance of gratitude for their co-operation in carrying on this contribution to genealogical research.

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PART I.

HISTORICAL NOTES ON THE ANCESTRY OF

LYDIA THAYER.

MEMORIAL SKETCH.

"To live in hearts we leave behind us is not to die."

Hon. JOHN ALDEN.

Hon. John Alden was one of the pilgrims of Leyden who came in the "May Flower" to Plymouth in 1620. This small band of one hundred and one pilgrims, not counting the sailors, had sailed from England long ago, and now from Holland, to seek gold, jewels, conquest, glory? "God forbid," would have been their reply; none of these things did they seek. No! They believed they knew what God was, and how He must be worshiped. They were not permitted so to worship him in England; would have been burned or hung or whipped if they did so worship Him, so they fled to Holland, and were there not molested. But the Dutch did not know how to keep the Sabbath. Their children were growing to be Dutchmen, and no longer Englishmen, and, moreover, a great hope and inward zeal of laying good foundation for the propagation and advancing the Gospel of the Kingdom of Christ in these remote parts, was strong in them. Therefore, they sailed out into the cruel, tempestuous ocean, taking with them wives, children, young and old, not certain what their destination.

Much that is false, and foolish, has been written about them, and mostly in poetry, but these were the main reasons for this strange pilgrimage.

John Alden was about twenty-two years of age when he arrived, and was one of those who signed the original civil compact, formed and solemnly adopted by the first adventurers at Cape Cod Harbor, on the 15th of November, 1620. "He was the stripling who first leapt upon the rock" (Presi-

dent Adams). It is a well-known fact, that of the first company, consisting of one hundred and one, about one-half died in six months after landing, in consequence of the hardships they were called to encounter. For a few years John Alden lived in Plymouth, and then settled in Duxbury, Mass., on a farm which is one of the best in the town, and is a little remarkable that it has remained in the possession of his descendants ever since. He built his house on a rise of land near Eagle Tree Pond, where the ruins of his well are still to be seen.

In Guillim's "Display of Heraldry" the following armorial passage is recorded: "He beareth gules, three crescents within a border, engrailed ermine, by the name of Alden." This coat was assigned Sept. 8, 1607, by William Cambden, clarencieur to John Alden of the Middle Temple.

Through a long and useful life, John Alden was almost continually engaged in public employments. He is mentioned as one of the "true and lawful attornies of the Council established at Plymouth, in the County of Devon." He was one of the Court of Assistants in 1633, and successively for a number of years. From 1641 to 1649 inclusively, he was chosen to represent the town of Duxbury in the General Court of the Old Colony. In 1653, and for several succeeding years, he was one of the Council of War, appointed on account of danger apprehended from the Indians. In the year 1650 he was again elected one of the Assistants to the Governor, and every year after till 1686. He was assistant to all the Governors of the Old Colony except Carver. He was for thirty-six years, without interruption, elected to this office.

This venerable and aged Puritan was distinguished by his holy life and conversation. He was a meek, humble, sincere, pious, and faithful follower of the blessed Redeemer, and his end was peace and triumph. The object which in his youthful days he anxiously sought, was fully attained. He came to the "howling wilds of America" to enjoy the sweets of religion, pure and undefiled. Like the saints of old, he was willing to endure hardships with the people of God, while he might be instrumental in extending the kingdom of

Immanuel, and looking to a better and an eternal state of existence for the rewards of grace. In addition to his spiritual blessings, he was crowned with that competence which is "vital to content," with an uncommon length of days, and with a goodly number of children, all of whom delighted in the ordinances of God, and finally left that good name in the world which is better than precious ointment. He married Priscilla Mullins, daughter of Mr. William Mullins, whose answer in his suit for Capt. Miles Standish for her hand, "Prythe John, why do you not speak for yourself," led to "renewed visits, and it was not long before their nuptials were celebrated in ample form." What report he made Capt. Miles Standish after that memorable first interview with Priscilla, tradition does not unfold; but it is said the Captain never forgave him to the day of his death. He had eight children, four sons and four daughters, who lived to enter the marriage state. He died in Duxbury, Mass., in 1687, at the age of eighty-nine years, for many years a Magistrate of the Old Plymouth Colony. A few lines from an "Elegy" on his death, by Rev. John Cotton of Plymouth:

. . . . . .

"The guise 'tis of a wanton generation,
To wish the aged soon to quit their station,
Though truth it be, the Lord our God doth frown
When aged saints by death do tumble down.
What tho' there be not such activity,
Yet in their prayers there's such fervency
As doth great mercy for a place obtain,
And gracious presence of the Lord maintain.

. . . . . .

"His mouth was full of blessings till his death,
To ministers and Christians all; his breath
Was very sweet by many a precious word
He uttered from the spirit of his Lord;
He lived in Christ, in Jesus now he sleeps,
And his blest soul, the Lord in safety keeps."

FIRST GENERATION.

HON. JOHN ALDEN,[1] p. 13, m. PRISCILLA MULLINS, dau. of Mr. William Mullins.

He was b. 1597; m. ; d. Sept. 12, 1687.

CHILDREN.

John	Alden,[2]	d. 1702, m. Elizabeth Ewrill.
Joseph[2]	"	d. 1747, m. Mary Simmons.
David[2]	"	d.
Jonathan[2]	"	d. 1697, m. Abigail Ralat. He inherited and occupied the ancient homestead, Duxbury, Mass.
Elizabeth[2]	"	d. 1717, m. William Paybody.
Sarah[2]	"	m. Alexander Standish, son of Miles Standish.
Ruth[2]	"	d. 12, 8, 1674, m. John Bass.
Mary[2]	"	m. Thomas de la Noye, probably a French Protestant, who united with the church of Leyden.

SECOND GENERATION.

RUTH ALDEN[2] m. JOHN BASS.

He was b. 1632, m. 12, 3, 1657, d. Sept. 12, 1716.

She was b. m. 12, 3, 1657, d. 12, 8, 1674.

CHILDREN.

John	Bass,[3]	m. Abigail Adams.
Samuel[3]	"	m. Mary Adams Webb.
Ruth[3]	"	
Joseph[3]	"	m. Mary Belcher.
Hannah[3]	"	m. Joseph Adams.
Mary[3]	"	m. Christopher Webb.
PAGE 18. Sarah[3]	"	b. 29, 1, 1672, m. Mr. Ephraim Thayer.

THIRD GENERATION.

MR. EPHRAIM THAYER[3] was the son of Shadrach[2] and Deliverance Thayer. Shadrach[2] was the youngest son of Thomas[1] and his wife Margery, who came to New England about 1640, from Parish of Thornbury, Gloucestershire, England. He was admitted as a freeman in 1647. Three sons, Thomas, Ferdinando, and Shadrach, came with him and settled in Braintree, near the Monotoquot river.

Shadrach Thayer[2] m. Mary Barrett, 1, 11, 1654, Braintree, Mass. She died 2, 2, 1658, leaving one child, Tryall, b. 7, 12, 1657. His second wife was Deliverance Priest. She died Jan. 17, 1723. Shadrach[2] died Oct. 19, 1678.

CHILDREN.

	Freelove Thayer,[3]	b. 30, 4, 1662,	d. 5, 6, 1662.
	Mary[3] "	b. 1, 2, 1663.	
	Timothy[3] "	b. 3, 7, 1666.	
	Samuel[3] "	b. Sept. 7, 1667.	
PAGE 18.	Ephraim[3] "	b. 17, 11, 1669,	d. June 15, 1757.
	Hannah[3] "	b. 8, 2, 1672,	d. 5, 12, 1677.
	William[3] "	b. 1, 6, 1675.	

THIRD GENERATION.

MR. EPHRAIM THAYER,[3] p. 17, m. SARAH BASS,[3] dau. of John and Ruth[2] (*Alden*) Bass. He was a son of Shadrach[2] and Deliverance Thayer of Braintree, Mass.

He was b. 17, 11, 1669; m. Jan. 7, 1692; d. June 15, 1757.

She was b. Dec. 11, 1672; m. Jan. 7, 1692; d. Aug. 19, 1751.

CHILDREN.

Sarah	Thayer,[4]	b. Feb., 1693, m. Seth Dorman,	Norton, Ms.
Ephraim[4]	"	b. July, 1694, m. Mary Copeland,	Braintree.
Philip[4]	"	b. Apr., 1696, m. Mary Wilson,	"
Hannah[4]	"	b. Jan., 1698, m. Nath'l Blanchard,	"
Joseph[4]	"	b. July, 1699, m. Sarah Faxon,	"
PAGE 22. Shadrach[4]	"	b. Apr., 1701, m. Rachel White,	"
Christopher[4]	"	b. Mch., 1703, m. Mary Morse,	"
Ruth[4]	"	b. Apr., 1704, m. John Capen,	"
Esther[4]	"	b. July, 1705, m. Moses French,	"
Naphtali[4]	"	b. Jan., 1707, m. Bathsheba Bass,	"
Peter[4]	"	b. July, 1708, m. Anna Porter,	Norton, Ms.
Priscilla[4]	"	b. Mch., 1710, m. Elijah Hayden,	Braintree.
James[4]	"	b. Mch., 1712, m. Deborah Arnold,	"
Abigail[4]	"	b. Nov., 1713, m. Dr. Benjamin Richards,	Weymouth, Mass.

"This couple were blessed with a numerous family of children remarkable for their piety. On one communion occasion they enjoyed the singular felicity of presenting themselves, with the fourteen children God had so graciously given them, at the table of our Lord to receive the emblems of His redeeming Love. A similar instance has seldom been found in the annals of the Christian Church."

—*Alden's Collection.*

(Bass)

MRS. SARAH THAYER.

VERSES on the death of Mrs. Sarah Thayer, written in the year 1751, by Edward Chesman, Braintree, Mass.:

"Good people all, I pray attend
To what I've got to say,
Concerning one that's dead and gone,
Death summoned her away.
An ancient handmaid of the Lord,
The wife of EPHRAIM THAYER,
Who lately from us has deceased,
Her praise I will declare.
This person now, of whom I write,
Is worthy of our praise;
With God she walked, in Christ she died, —
She sprang from goodly race.
Her grandfather, he was a man
Who did the truth reveal;
And to defend Christ's Kingdom great
He burned with holy zeal.
Like holy Abraham of old,
Left land and kindred all,
And, wandering up and down, he went
Wherever God did call.
From old England he did come o'er
Where heathen did possess,
For to enjoy religion pure,
And God this man did bless,
And made him once a ruler here, —
Let's not forget his fame,
He lived above the age of man,
JOHN ALDEN was his name;
Her other grandfather elder was
In Braintree church of old;
He lived an holy, honest life, —
To his praise let it be told.
Also her father was a man
Who lived to good estate;

He lived an honest, holy life,
  And died a hopeful saint.
She wedded was in youthful days
  To MR. EPHRAIM THAYER;
He lived a good religious life,
  This truth I can declare;
They lovingly together lived,
  And never did provoke,
But, like two lambs, they did agree,
  And both pulled in one yoke.
The time she lived a married life
  Was fifty-nine years and more;
The whole time of her pilgrimage
  Lacked some months of four-score.
Also, she was a fruitful vine —
  The truth I may relate:
Fourteen were of her body born
  And lived to man's estate;
From these did spring a numerous race —
  One hundred thirty-two, —
Sixty-and-six, each sex alike,
  As I declare to you.
And many of them went to war
  The enemy to suppress,
And all returned safe home again;
  The Lord this race did bless.
And one thing more remarkable,
  Which here I shall record:
She'd fourteen children with her
  At the table of the Lord.
Now the time comes that she must die,
  God calls His handmaid home;
She obeys His voice most cheerfully,
  Saying, 'Blessed Lord, I come.'
Then sending for her children all
  And counsel'd them aright
For to obey Jehovah's call
  And serve the Lord of might.
And having ended thus her work,
  Her breath she did resign:

Into Thy hands I do commend
  This spirit, Lord, of mine.
Her weeping friends stood round her bed,
  Closed up her eyes of clay,
Then for her funeral did prepare;
  In dust they did her lay.
Could you have seen the numerous race
  That did for her lament,
In number more than Jacob had
  When down to Egypt went.
Good people all, both far and near,
  Count it a heavy frown
When God sends His messenger, Death,
  To cut the righteous down.
The nineteenth of August she did die, —
  Seventeen hundred fifty-one;
Her body here in dust doth lie,
  Her soul to rest hath gone.
Good people all, attend the call
  In her decease of late,
And walk with God as she hath done,
  And he will bless your state."

FOURTH GENERATION.

SHADRACH THAYER,[4] p. 18, m. RACHEL WHITE, dau. of Samuel and Anna White of Braintree, Mass. She was one of twelve children.*

He was b. April 8, 1701; m. May 2, 1723; d. Feb. 17, 1783.

She was b. Mar. 20, 1703; m. May 2, 1723; d. 1789

CHILDREN.

Uriah	Thayer,[5]	b. Oct. 15, 1724,	m. Deborah Copeland.
AGE 23 Capt. Jona.[5]	"	b. Jan. 31, 1726,	m. Dorcas Hayden.
Noah[5]	"	b. Dec. 30, 1727,	m. Margaret Harmon, Braintree, Mass.
Rachel[5]	"	b. Apr. 1, 1730,	m. Capt. Eliphalet Sawin, Braintree, Mass., a brave Revolutionary officer, the son of Joseph and Lydia Sawin, Randolph, Mass.

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*Susannah	White,	b. Mar. 12, 1689,	m. Richard Thayer.
Mary	"	b. Sept. 12, 1690,	m. Lieut. Richard Thayer.
Lydia	"	b. Sept. 4, 1693,	m. Joseph Pray.
Anna	"	b. Oct. 14, 1696,	m. William Wild.
Thankful	"	b. Apr. 17, 1700,	m. Isaac Newcomb.
Elisha	"	b. June 16, 1702,	d. July 1, 1702.
Rachel	"	b. Mar. 20, 1703,	m. Shadrach Thayer.[4]
Matthew	"	b. Apr. 17, 1704.	
Samuel	"	b. May 4, 1706.	
Experience	"	b. Jan. 1, 1707,	m. Abijah Neale.
Samuel, 2d,	"	b. Apr. 2, 1710.	

FIFTH GENERATION.

CAPT. JONATHAN THAYER,[5] p. 22, m. DORCAS HAYDEN.

He was b. Jan. 31, 1726; m. ; d. Jan. 18, 1805.
She was b. ; m. ; d. Jan. , 1814.

CHILDREN.

Nehemiah Thayer,[6] b. Aug. 11, 1748, m. Sarah Hobart of Pembroke, Mass.
Dorcas[6] " b. Dec. 11, 1752, m. Alexander White of Braintree, Mass.
21. Lydia[6] " b. Nov. 20, 1755, m. Abraham Thayer of Braintree, Mass.
Jonathan[6] " b. June 15, 1758, d. in infancy.
Jonathan[6] " b. Apr. 10, 1761, m. Betsey Faxon of Braintree, Mass.

SIXTH GENERATION.

LYDIA THAYER,[6] p. 23, m. ABRAHAM THAYER,[5] son of Abraham and Sarah (*Hunt*) Thayer, a soldier of the revolution, Braintree, Mass. See page 49.

He was b. Apr. 30, 1757; m. Feb. 18, 1787; d. Jan., 1819.

She was b. Nov. 20, 1755; m. Feb. 18, 1787; d.

CHILDREN.

PAGE 49.	Lydia	Thayer,[7]	b. Sept. 12, 1787, 2d wife of Benj. Bowditch. His first wife was Dorcas White. Children: Caroline, Benjamin, Adoniram, Eunice, George, Gilbert.
PAGE 49.	Sarah[7]	"	b. Aug. 15, 1789, m. Charles Hayward. Child, Sarah Thayer Hayward.
PP. 26, 50.	Col. Abraham[7]	"	b. Dec. 24, 1791, m. Mary Nash Arnold, Weymouth, Mass.
PAGE 49.	Nehemiah[7]	"	b. Jan. 5, 1795.
PP. 25, 29.	Jonathan[7]	"	b. Apr. 27, 1797, m. Ruth Penniman.
PAGE 24.	Relief[7]	"	b. Feb. 24, 1790, m. Gardner Penniman, bro. of Jonathan's wife. Children: Lydia, Catharine, Mary, Sarah, Gardner, Eliza.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

JONATHAN THAYER,[7] pp. 24 and 49, m. RUTH PENNIMAN, dau. of Capt. Samuel and Winifred (*Gardner*) Penniman. Mrs. Thayer traces her ancestry to Dea. James Penniman, who settled in Quincy in 1630, near the birthplaces of John and John Quincy Adams.

Mr. Jonathan Thayer was fifteen years of age when the war of 1812 broke out, and was only deterred from joining the army by the exercise of rigid parental authority. He was too far advanced in years to take an active part in the war of the Rebellion, so that his claims as a warrior, if he were to advance any, must rest upon the fact of his work upon the construction of Fort Warren in Boston Harbor, and his membership in the Old Braintree Militia Co. On April 8, 1888, was celebrated the seventieth anniversary of their marriage—the longest married life on the records of Old Braintree, and this aged couple still live, enjoying the honor, love, and respect of the entire community.

CHILDREN.

Lucinda Thayer,[8] b. July 19, 1820, m. Dr. Noah Torrey.
Jonathan[8] " b. Apr. 20, 1823, d. Apr. 23, 1881, m. Sarah T. Vinton.
Biancia[8] " b. July 18, 1825, d. July 26, 1828.
Joseph P.[8] " b. Feb. 24, 1829, m. Martha M. Hollis.
Henry H.[8] " b. Apr. 24, 1831.
Susan J.[8] " b. Mar. 6, 1834.
Edward C.[8] " b. Sept. 29, 1839, m. Ruth Ella Stetson.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

COL. ABRAHAM THAYER,[7] pp. 24 and 50, m. MARY NASH ARNOLD, dau. of Samuel and Sarah (*Webb*) Arnold. When a young man, Col. Thayer taught school, and later engaged in business in the store of Maj. Amos Stetson, and there remained for ten or twelve years. He then went as supercargo on vessels running from Boston to Canada. He was for some years proprietor of Arnold's Hotel in Weymouth, Mass. He was constable for many years, and held a number of offices of responsibility and trust. He was commissioned Capt. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 2d Regt. Inf. Feb. 20, 1823; promoted Major Sept. 18, 1826; Lt.-Col. Sept. 3, 1827. He was a Free Mason of high degree, and is said to have been in character a very proud, high-spirited gentleman, especially in his younger days.

Residence, Braintree and Weymouth, Mass.

He was b. Dec. 24, 1791; m. Jan. 20, 1814; d. Jan. 1, 1866.

She was b. , 1798; m. Jan. 20, 1814; d. Feb. 1, 1825.

CHILDREN.

Pr. 29, 50. Nehemiah Thayer,[8] b. Oct. 12, 1814, m. Mary Ann Shaw.
Pr. 29, 50. Chas. Howard[8] " b. May 12, 1816, m. Mary A. Bourne *et al.*
Pr. 30, 50. Sarah Howard[8] " b. Mar. 18, 1818, m. Capt. Henry Barnes.
Pr. 31, 50. Mary Weston[8] " b. Mar. 25, 1820, m. Chester M. Loomis.
Pr. 32, 50. Abraham[8] " b. Apr. 10, 1822, m. Caroline G. Hersey.
Pr. 32, 50. Cornelia A.[8] " b. Aug. 23, 1824, m. Asa Wellington.

Second wife, ABIGAIL BOWDITCH, dau. of William and Susannah (*Allen*) Bowditch. See page 50.

She was b. July 11, 1802; m. Sept. 21, 1827; d. May 20, 1880; buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, N. Y. city.

CHILDREN.

Pr. 33, 50. Benj. Bowditch Thayer,[8] b. July 5, 1828, m. Lucy W. Phipps.
Pr. 34, 50. Caroline C.[8] " b. Jan. 14, 1832, m. Wm. E. Bontecou.
Pr. 35, 50. Eliza Mary[8] " b. Dec. 8, 1834, m. Chas. S. Huntoon.
Frank[8] " b. Dec. 28, 1837, d. May, 1890.
Pr. 35, 50. Horatio Winslow[8] " b. Nov. 10, 1842, m. Charlotte Ellison.

ARNOLD NOTES.

COL. ABRAHAM THAYER,[7] pp. 24 and 50, m. MARY NASH ARNOLD,[7] daughter of Samuel and Sarah (*Webb*) Arnold. The first of the early settlers of Braintree, Mass., was JOSEPH ARNOLD,[1] who married Rebecca Curtis, dau. of Deodatus and Rebecca Curtis. His children were William, John, Joseph, Samuel, Ephraim.[2] The youngest son, EPHRAIM ARNOLD,[2] m. MARY———. Residence, Braintree, Mass. His children were, Samuel,[3] Mary, Ephraim, Rebecca. The oldest son, SAMUEL ARNOLD,[3] m. SARAH WEBB, daughter of Christopher and Mary Webb. His children were Samuel,[4] Joseph, Mary, Sarah, Joseph, John, Moses, Abigail, Nathaniel, Deborah, David. The oldest son, SAMUEL ARNOLD,[4] m. BETHIAH WILD, dau. of Samuel and Bethiah (*Copeland*) Wild. His children were, John, Samuel,[5] William, Sarah, Betsey, Bethiah, Abigail, Mary, David, Jonathan, Rhoda, Ruth. The second son, SAMUEL ARNOLD,[5] m. MARY NASH, dau. of Alexander and Mary (*Tirrell*) Nash. He was a soldier of the Revolution. Capt. Eliphaz Weston married Deborah Nash, dau. of Alexander and Mary (*Tirrell*) Nash. He came from Duxbury, and was the father of Capt. Warren Weston of Weymouth, Mass., who married Nancy Bates, sister of Joshua Bates of Baring Bros., London bankers, and founder of Boston Public Library, whose daughter, Mrs. Maria Weston Chapman, was intensely interested in the cause of human liberty, and, with her husband, engaged in active service of the anti-slavery work. She was the friend and chosen biographer of the great English woman, Harriet Martineau. She spent many years abroad for the purpose of her own education, and later that of her children. Many incidents of her life are given in the "Life of William Lloyd Garrison." The children of Samuel Arnold,[5] who m. Mary Nash, were, Alexander, Samuel,[6] Eliphaz, James L., Ruth, Mary, Rhoda, Betsey, Phœbe N., Cornelius. The second son, SAMUEL,[6] m.

SARAH WEBB. His children were, Silence Arnold m. Lemuel White, Sally m. Edward White, Mary Nash[7] m. Col. Abraham Thayer,[7] Phœbe m. Alvan Reed, Cornelius, Elizabeth, Samuel.

MARY NASH ARNOLD[7] m. COL. ABRAHAM THAYER,[7] son of Abraham[6] and Lydia[5] (*Thayer*) Thayer.

He was b. Dec. 24, 1791; m. Jan. 20, 1814; d. Jan. 1, 1866.

She was b. 1798; m. Jan. 20, 1814; d. Feb. 1, 1825.

(See pages 24 and 50.)

EIGHTH GENERATION.

NEHEMIAH THAYER,[8] pp. 26 and 50, m. MARY ANN SHAW, dau. *Capt. Nathaniel Tirrell and Tirsah Shaw of Weymouth, Mass.

In early life he was with his father, Col. Thayer, at the hotel at Weymouth; later in the employ of C. H. Thayer & Co., manufacturers of boots and shoes.

He was b. Oct. 12, 1814; m. June 29, 1842.

She was b. July 22, 1824; m. June 29, 1842.

CHILDREN.

PAGE 36. Ellen Francis Thayer,[9] b. Dec. 27, 1842, m. Aldrich *et al.*

PAGE 36. Charles Howard[9] " b. July 1, 1846, m. Maud H. Knights.

PAGE 37. Nathaniel Francis[9] " b. Sept. 1, 1848, m. Mary A. White.

Mary Arnold[9] " b. Oct. 12, 1850, d. Feb. 7, 1861.

Emma Jacobs[9] " b. Oct. 12, 1853.

PAGE 36. Myra Clapp[9] " b. Feb. 11, 1856, m. Hobart W. Felch.

Hattie Newall[9] " b. Dec. 12, 1858, d. Sept. 25, 1862.

Clara Parks[9] " b. Jan. 6, 1860, d. Aug. 12, 1863.

CHARLES HOWARD THAYER,[8] pp. 26 and 50, m. MARY ANN BOURNE, dau. of Elisha and Fanny Bourne, South Dartmouth, Mass. Residence, New Bedford, Mass.

He was b. May 2, 1816; m. Mar. 14, 1844; d. July 8, 1885.

She was b. 1825; m. Mar. 14, 1844; d. July 31, 1859.

Second wife, SARAH M. KENDRICK, dau. of Elijah and Hannah Kendrick, Chatham, Mass.

She was b. ; m. Dec. 7, 1863.

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*Children Capt. N. T. Shaw:

Mary Ann	Shaw, m. Nehemiah Thayer.	
Emeline Pratt	"	
Elmira T.	"	m. Joseph Clapp.
Harriet N.	"	unmarried.
Nathaniel F.	"	died young
Lucinda W.	"	m. Joseph Clapp.
Nathaniel F.	"	died young.
Elizabeth A.	"	m. Martin E. Hawes.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

SARAH HOWARD THAYER,[8] pp. 26 and 50, m. CAPT. HENRY BARNES, son of Canterbury and Hannah Barnes of Hingham, Mass. Capt. Barnes followed the sea for many years on long voyages—three years to Sebastopol in Russia, etc., also on a line of Liverpool packets. It is said that he was a captain who was kind to his men, beloved by them, and holding their respect and good will.

He was b. July 10, 1808; m. Apr. 27, 1842; d. Oct. 31, 1879.

She was b. Mar. 18, 1818; m. Apr. 27, 1842; d. June 18, 1882.

Residence, Hingham, Mass.

CHILDREN.

Sarah Leavitt Barnes,[9] b. May 21, 1843, d. Aug. 6, 1882.
Henry Augustus[9] " b. Jan. 8, 1845, Quincy, Mass.
Caroline Perkins[9] " b. July 9, 1847, Quincy, Mass.
Edward Thayer[9] " b. Oct. 17, 1849, Hingham, Mass.
Walter Canterbury[9] " b. Nov. 22, 1851, d. Oct. 12, 1852.
Howard Canterbury[9] " b. Aug. 24, 1853, m. Sophia L. Hodgman.

NINTH GENERATION.

HOWARD CANTERBURY BARNES[9] m. SOPHIA L. HODGMAN, dau. of Job H. and Abbie H. Hodgman.

He was b. Aug. 24, 1853; m. Jan., 1885.

She was b. ; m. Jan., 1885.

Residence, Quincy, Mass.

CHILDREN.

Helen Canterbury Barnes,[10] b. Mar. 22, 1886.
Margaret Thayer[10] " b. Dec. 18, 1888.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

MARY WESTON THAYER,[8] pp. 26 and 50, m. CHESTER MARTIN LOOMIS, son of Chester and Anne (*Denslow*) Loomis of Windsor, Conn., descendants respectively of Nicholas Denslow and Joseph Loomis, first settlers of Windsor, who came to New England from London in the ship "Susan and Ellen," July 17, 1638, and with the company of Rev. Ephraim Huet settled Windsor, Conn., Aug. 17, 1639. The original homestead, bought then from the Indians, is still in the possession of the family, Judge Thomas Loomis being its present owner. See "Genealogy of the Loomis Family," published in 1875, by Prof. Elias Loomis, LL.D., Professor of Natural Philosophy and Astronomy at Yale College. Capt. Martin Denslow, father of Anne Denslow, was a captain in the War of the Revolution, and of the Alarm Party in 1775.

Residence, Hartford, Conn.

He was b. Feb. 2, 1817; m. Sept. 27, 1843.

She was b. Mar. 25, 1820; m. Sept. 27, 1843.

CHILDREN.

Mary Adelaide Loomis,[9] b. June 27, 1844.

PAGE 38. Charles Martin[9] " b. Sept. 27, 1846, m. Clara M. Webler.

Cornelia[9] " b. Sept. 27, 1846, d. Sept. 27, 1846.

PAGE 38. Annie Denslow[9] " b. Oct. 23, 1849, m. E. R. Parmelee.

PAGE 39. Sarah Howard[9] " b. Dec. 12, 1853, m. Albert H. Pitkin.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

ABRAHAM THAYER,[8] pp. 26 and 50, m. CAROLINE G. HERSEY, dau. of Hosea and Hannah Hersey, Hingham, Mass. At the age of fifteen he entered the U. S. service in the ship "Ohio"; later a currier.

Residence, East Weymouth, Mass.

He was b. Apr. 10, 1822; m. Dec. 1, 1848; d. Dec. 18, 1876.

She was b. Jan. 15, 1827; m. Dec. 1, 1848.

CHILDREN.

Eugene Thayer,[9] b. Aug. 18, 1849, m. Jennie A. Thayer.
Caroline[9] " b. Apr. 30, 1854, d. Jan. 5, 1861.
Annie May[9] " b. June 3, 1859.

Second husband, ABRAHAM BATES, son of Joseph and Rebecca Bates.

He was b. March 5, 1826; m. Sept. 1, 1880.

CORNELIA A. THAYER,[8] pp. 26 and 50, m. ASA WELLINGTON, son of John and Betsey Wellington, born at Boylston, Worcester County, Mass.; graduated from Yale College in 1843; lawyer in Boston for many years in practice, and well and favorably known in the profession; has managed cases which required a deep knowledge of the law, in Boston, Mass., and a case of note in England.

Residence, Boston, Mass.

He was b. Dec. 14, 1818; m. Nov. 9, 1854.

She was b. Aug. 23, 1824; m. Nov. 9, 1854.

CHILDREN.

Cornelia Gertrude Wellington,[9] b. Mar. 7, 1858, d. Sept. 27, 1858.
John Arthur[9] " b. Nov. 19, 1860, d. Nov. 18, 1883.

John Arthur Wellington graduated at the Adams Academy, Quincy, Mass., in 1879, and entered Harvard College the same year.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

BENJ. BOWDITCH THAYER,[8] pp. 26 and 50, m. LUCY W. PHIPPS, dau. of Dr. Thomas Phipps of Quincy, Mass., a family highly connected with Gov. Phipps and the Greenleaf and Appleton families of that State. Mr. B. B. Thayer began business as a druggist and chemist in Boston, and later in Springfield, Mass. He went to Europe in 1850, and to California in 1852. He was appointed State Assayer of California in 1860. In 1873 he took charge of the Guadaloupe Quicksilver mine at San José, Cal., and there continued until shortly before his death.

He was b. July 5, 1833; m. Nov. 26, 1849; d. Mar. 2, 1885.
She was b. Oct. 26, 1830; m. Nov. 26, 1849; d.

CHILDREN.

PAGE 40. Lizzie Arnold Thayer,[9] b. Dec. 20, 1850, m. Dexter W. Knapp.
PAGE 40. Herbert Phipps[9] " b. Mar. 21, 1855, m. Gertrude A. Moody.
Wm. Herndon[9] " b. Oct. 28, 1857, d. in 1859.
PAGE 40. Benj. Bowditch[9] " b. Oct. 20, 1862, m. Marie C. Renouard.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

CAROLINE CODDINGTON THAYER,[8] pp. 26 and 50, m. WILLIAM E. BONTECOU, a descendant of Pierre and Marguerite (*Collinot*) Bontecou, a Huguenot refugee who came to this country in 1689. He began business as a druggist in Boston; later, Springfield, New York, Toledo, and San Francisco. He served during the Civil War as Assistant Surgeon in the Navy, and was in the battle of Mobile Bay. In spring of 1867 went to California and remained there, following his profession at times, but, compelled by ill-health to seek open-air pursuits, he has chiefly enjoyed ranching.

Residence, Santa Rosa, Cal.

He was b. ; m. Oct. 23, 1849.

She was b. Jan. 14, 1832; m. Oct. 23, 1849.

CHILDREN.

Daniel Bontecou,[9] b. Sept. 14, 1851, m. Nathalie Holdredge.
Frederic Thayer[9] " b. Oct. 29, 1856, d. Nov. 17, 1856.
Nathaniel Frederic[9] " b. Mar. 1, 1860.

NINTH GENERATION.

DANIEL BONTECOU[9] m. NATHALIE HOLDREDGE. He is a civil engineer by profession, for a number of years engaged in public works of New York city; removed to Kansas City, became Chief Engineer of the Kansas Belt Railway Co. Graduated from College of the City of New York in 1871. Residence, Kansas City, Mo.

He was b. Sept. 14, 1851; m. Oct. 7, 1885.

She was b. Oct. 8, 1857; m. Oct. 7, 1885.

CHILDREN.

Daniel Bontecou, Jr.,[10] b. Mar. 20, 1887.
Russell[10] " b. Feb. 17, 1889.

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EIGHTH GENERATION.

ELIZA MARY THAYER,[8] pp. 26 and 50, m. CHARLES SAMUEL HUNTOON, son of Charles and Minerva Huntoon.

He was b. ; m. July 13, 1858; d. Apr. 29, 1884.
She was b. Dec. 8, 1834; m. July 13, 1858.
Residence, New York, N. Y.

CHILDREN.

Susy Thayer,[9] b. Jan. 11, 1863.

HORATIO WINSLOW THAYER,[8] pp. 26 and 50, m. CHARLOTTE ELLISON.

He was b. Nov. 10, 1843; m. , 1863.
She was b. ; m. , 1863.
Residence, New York, N. Y.

CHILDREN.

Frank Thayer,[9] b. Aug. 13, 1864.
Mary Ellison[9] " b. Feb. 2, 1867.
Harry Winslow[9] " b. Oct. 14, 1872.

NINTH GENERATION.

ELLEN FRANCIS THAYER,[9] p. 29, m. —— ALDRICH.

She was b. Dec. 27, 1842, m. Nov. 2, 1871.

Second husband, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WILBUR, son of Benjamin Godfrey and Sophia Wilbur.

He was b. Nov. 29, 1830, m. July 20, 1889.

Residence, Taunton, Mass.

CHARLES HOWARD THAYER,[9] p. 29, m. MAUD HOLBROOK KNIGHTS, dau. of Edward K. and Maria (*Dyer*) Knights of Weymouth, Mass.

He was b. July 1, 1846; m. Apr. 11, 1886.

She was b. ; m. Apr. 11, 1886.

Mr. C. H. Thayer is of the firm "C. H. Thayer & Co.," manufacturers of boots and shoes, Weymouth, Mass.

MYRA CLAPP THAYER,[9] p. 29, m. HOBART W. FELCH.

He was b. ; m. Sept. 8, 1875.

She was b. Feb. 11, 1856; m. Sept. 8, 1875.

Residence, Bridgewater, Mass.

CHILDREN.

Walton Hobart Felch,[10] b. , d. Jan., 1877.
Florence Emma[10] " b. Jan. 23, 1877.
Bertrand Walton[10] " b. Sept. 28, 1878.
Marion Francis[10] " b. Sept. 28, 1878.

NATHANIEL F. THAYER.

NINTH GENERATION.

NATHANIEL FRANCIS THAYER,[9] p. 29, m. MARY A. WHITE.

He was b. Sept. 1, 1848; m. Oct. 13, 1875.

She was b. Jan. 16, 1854; m. Oct. 13, 1875.

Mr. N. F. Thayer entered the firm of C. H. Thayer & Co., manufacturers of boots and shoes, Weymouth, Mass., in 1872, and so remained until 1876. He then went to Boston in the employ of Emerson & White, leather merchants. In 1885, Mr. Emerson retiring, Mr. Thayer became a member of the firm of G. A. White & Co., and so continues. Was musical director of the choir of Dr. O. P. Gifford's Church, Boston; President of the Tabernacle Young Men's Institute, and associated with the mission work of Rev. M. R. Deming; was one of the pioneers and organizers of the Missionary Training School under the care of Dr. Guinness of London, Dr. A. T. Pearson, and Rev. A. J. Gordon.

Residence, Roxbury, Mass.

CHILDREN.

Mary Louise Thayer,[10] b. May 31, 1877.
William Erasmus[10] " b. Apr. 20, 1880.

NINTH GENERATION.

ANNIE DENSLOW LOOMIS,[9] p. 31, m. EDWARD REDFIELD PARMELEE, s. of Capt. Hosmer and Annette (*Redfield*) Parmelee, who commanded the ship "Middlesex," from New York to London. Residence, Essex, Conn.

He was b. Dec. 26, 1846; m. June 24, 1874.

She was b. Oct. 23, 1849; m. June 24, 1874; d. June 23, 1889.

"Her memory is the shrine of pleasant thoughts
Fragrant as the scent of flowers,
Calm as summer's eve at sun's decline,
Sweet as the song of birds among the bowers,
Rich as the rainbow with its hues of light,
Pure as the moonbeams of an autumn night."

"Oh! Thou who gave and from us hath taken
Those so honored, good, and true,
Let not our trust and confidence be shaken,
But in us faith and confidence renew."

CHILDREN.

Edith Thayer Parmelee,[10] b. Aug. 18, 1875, d. Dec. 18, 1884.
Edward Hosmer[10] " b. March 1, 1878.

CHARLES M. LOOMIS,[9] p. 31, m. CLARA M. WEBLER, dau. of Martin Webler, Bristol, Conn.

He was b. Sept. 27, 1846; m. Aug. 13, 1869.

She was b. ; m. Aug. 13, 1869.

CHILDREN.

Annie Loomis,[10] b. Aug. 11, 1870, d. July 23, 1872.
Frederic Chester[10] " b. Sept. 11, 1872, d. July 27, 1873.
Grace Howard[10] " b. Mch. 12, 1875, d. May 8, 1882.
Charles[10] " b. Aug. 13, 1878.
Frank[10] " b. March, 1883, d. June, 1887.

Residence, Hartford, Conn.

NINTH GENERATION.

SARAH HOWARD LOOMIS,[9] p. 31, m. ALBERT HASTINGS PITKIN,[8] druggist for several years, now in office of Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, has brothers, Howard S., b. Oct. 31, 1860; William T., b. Apr. 20, 1867, sons of Albert P.,[7] author of Pitkin Genealogy, published in 1887, senior member of Pitkin Bros. & Co., Iron Works, b. at East Hartford Feb. 27, 1829, and Jane Ann (*Hastings*), b. Dec. 8, 1828, m. Nov. 4, 1851, d. Feb. 1, 1876, dau. of Capt. Henry and Sarah Ann (*Dewey*) Hastings. Capt. Henry Hastings was for many years collector of taxes in Hartford, Conn. A. P. Pitkin[7] is the son of Denison Palmer Pitkin[6] and Phœbe Dunham (*Turner*), son of Ezekiel[5] and Hannah (*Chapman*) Pitkin, son of Jonathan[4] and Lucy (*Steele*) Pitkin, son of Jonathan[3] and Rebecca (*Smith*) Pitkin, son of Roger[2] and Hannah (*Stanley*) Pitkin, son of William Pitkin,[1] the progenitor of the family in America. He came from Hertfordshire, England, in 1659, and married Hannah Goodwin in 1661. Sarah Howard Loomis, dau. of Chester M. and Mary Weston (*Thayer*) Loomis, p. 31, became interested in genealogical research in assisting in compiling the Pitkin Genealogy published in 1887, member of Connecticut State Historical Society, and compiler of this work.

He was b. Aug. 20, 1852; m. Apr. 23, 1874.

She was b. Dec. 12, 1853; m. Apr. 23, 1874.

Residence, Hartford, Conn.

NINTH GENERATION.

LIZZIE ARNOLD THAYER,[9] p. 33, m. DEXTER WESLEY KNAPP, son of Doctor H. Knapp of Lathrop, California.

He was b. Mar. 10, 1845; m. Dec. 20, 1878.
She was b. Dec. 20, 1851; m. Dec. 20, 1878.
Residence, San Francisco, Cal.

CHILDREN.

Ethel Thayer Knapp,[10] b. May 13, 1881.
Henry Dexter[10] " b. Dec. 7, 1888.

HERBERT PHIPPS THAYER,[9] p. 33, m. GERTRUDE ALICE MOODY, dau. of Mr. A. E. Moody, Secretary Home Mutual Insurance Company, San José, Cal.

He was b. Mar. 21, 1855; m. Feb. 16, 1884.
She was b. Dec. 26, 1862; m. Feb. 16, 1884.

BENJ. BOWDITCH THAYER,[9] p. 33, m. MARIE C. RENOUARD of St. Louis, Mo.

He was b. Oct. 20, 1862; m. Jan. 29, 1890.
She was b. ; m. Jan. 29, 1890.
Mr. B. B. Thayer graduated from Harvard College in the class of 1885; profession, mining engineer, with the Bi-Metallic Mining Company. Residence, Granite, Montana.

EUGENE THAYER,[9] p. 32, m. JENNIE A. THAYER, dau. of Warren and Mary Thayer, Weymouth, Mass.

He was b. Aug. 18, 1849; m. Feb. 19, 1873.
She was b. ; m. Feb. 19, 1873.

CHILDREN.

Mary Warren Thayer,[10] b. Jan. 21, 1874.

BENJAMIN B. THAYER.

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PART II.

HISTORICAL NOTES ON THE ANCESTRY OF

ABRAHAM THAYER.

FIRST GENERATION.

RICHARD THAYER,[1] m. DOROTHY MORTIMER.
He came from the parish of Thornbury in Gloucestershire, England; was admitted a freeman in 1640.
Residence, Braintree, Mass.
He was b. ; m. Apr. 5, 1624; d. before 1668.
She was b. ; m. Apr. 5, 1624; d.

CHILDREN.

Richard Thayer,[2] b. 1625, m. 1651, Dorothy Pray.
Zachariah[2] "
Deborah[2] " 1657 Thos Tyler & 1625
Jael[2] " d. 1655.
Abigail[2] " d. Aug. 6, 1717.
Hannah[2] "
Nathaniel[2] " .

SECOND GENERATION.

RICHARD THAYER,[2] m. DOROTHY PRAY.
He was b. 1625; m. 1651; d. Dec. 4, 1695.
She was b. ; m. 1651; d. Dec. 11, 1705.

CHILDREN.

Dorothy Thayer,[3] b. 1653.
Richard[3] " b. 1655, m. 1679, Rebecca Micall.
Page 44. Nathaniel[3] " b. 1658, m. 1679, Hannah Hayden.
Abigail[3] " b. 1661.
Joannah[3] " b. 1665.
Sarah[3] " b. 1667.
Cornelius[3] " b. 1670.

THIRD GENERATION.

NATHANIEL THAYER,[3] p. 43, m. HANNAH HAYDEN.

He was b. Jan. 1, 1658; m. May 27, 1679; d. Mar. 28, 1728.
She was b. ; m. May 27, 1679; d.

CHILDREN.

Nathaniel Thayer,[4] b. 1680; m. Sarah Wales.
Richard[4] " b. 1683; m. Susannah White.
Hannah[4] " b. Feb. 17, 1686; m. Thomas Vinton.
Zachariah[4] " b. Mar. 16, 1687; m. Elizabeth Curtis.
Ruth[4] " b. May 17, 1689.
Dorothy[4] " b. 1692; m. Joseph Ludden.
Daniel[4] " b. 1695; m. Elizabeth Thompson.
Lydia[4] " b. 1715.

FOURTH GENERATION.

NATHANIEL THAYER,[4] m. SARAH WALES, dau. of Elder Nathaniel Wales, deacon in the church at Braintree, and in 1700, Ruling Elder.

He was b. 1680; m. 1704; d. Jan. 3, 1752.
She was b. 1680; m. 1704; d.

CHILDREN.

Sarah Thayer,[5] b. 1705.
Joanna[5] " b. 1706.

Second wife, RELIEF HYDE.
She was b. ; m. 1709.

CHILDREN.

Nathaniel Thayer,[5] b. Oct. 7, 1709; m. 1735, Mary Faxon.
Elizabeth[5] " b. Sept. 11, 1711; m. Capt. Theophilus Curtis.
Josiah[5] " b. Nov. 30, 1713; m. Mary Veasey.
PAGE 45. Caleb[5] " b. Feb. 10, 1716; m. Abigail Faxon.
PAGE 49 Abraham[5] " b. 1717; m. Sarah Hunt.
Hannah[5] " b. Dec. 2, 1720.
Relief[5] " b. Mar. 11, 1723.
Lydia[5] " b. 1726.

FIFTH GENERATION.

CALEB THAYER,[6] p. 44, m. ABIGAIL FAXON, dau. Capt. Richard Faxon.

He was b. Feb. 10, 1716; d.

She was b. July 26, 1715; d.

CHILDREN.

PAGE 49. Abigail Thayer,[6] b. June , 1746, m. Capt. Isaac Thayer.
Caleb[6] " b. June 2, 1748, died young.
PAGE 46. Nathaniel[6] " b. Apr. 11, 1752, m. Doreas Faxon.
Alice[6] " b. Aug. , 1755, died young.

SIXTH GENERATION.

ABIGAIL THAYER,[6] m. CAPT. ISAAC THAYER, son of Abraham and Sarah (*Hunt*) Thayer, p. 49.

CHILDREN.

Caleb Thayer,[7] m. (1790) Anna and (1797) Mary Holbrook.
Alice[7] " m. 1790, Jonathan Spear.
Luther[7] " m. Olive Turner and Elizabeth Davis.
Abigail[7] " m. 1792, Jonathan Belcher.
Relief[7] " m. 1792, Stephen Penniman, Jr.
Sarah[7] " m. 1793, Elisha Holbrook.
Isaac[7] " m. Polly French.
Rebecca[7] " m. 1796, Silas Spear.
Elizabeth[7] " m. 1802, Abraham Capen.
Mary[7] " m. Capt. Abia Holbrook.
Hannah[7] " m. Luther French, Jr.

SIXTH GENERATION.

NATHANIEL THAYER,[6] p. 45, m. DORCAS FAXON, dau. of Ebenezer Faxon, Esq.

He was b. April 11, 1752; m. Nov. 28, 1776.
She was b. ; m. Nov. 28, 1776.
Residence, Braintree, Mass.

CHILDREN.

Dorcas Thayer,[7]	b. April 2, 1778,	m. Sept. 26, 1805,	Rev. Josiah Moulton.
Mehitable[7] "	b. July 7, 1780,	m. Nov. 29, 1806,	Silas Ludden.
Nathaniel[7] "	b. Nov. 25, 1781,	m. 1811,	Betsey French.
Lue Maria[7] "	b. Sept. 16, 1783,	m. Feb. 20, 1815,	Joseph Henry Marsh.
Sylvanus[7] "	b. June 9, 1785,	d. Sept. 7, 1872.	
Abigail[7] "	b. Mar. 17, 1791,	m. July 22, 1822,	Phineas Davis.
Livia[7] "	b. Feb. 20, 1793,	m. Feb. 11, 1830,	Dr. Jonathan Wild.

SYLVANUS THAYER, LL.D.,[7] was b. June 9, 1785; grad. Dartmouth College in 1807; grad. from U. S. Military Academy, and promoted to second lieutenant Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., 1808; served in the War of 1812 as Chief Engineer of the Northern Army; promoted to rank of Major by Brevet Feb. 20, 1815. He was sent by the U. S. Government to Europe in May, 1815, with William McRee of the Corps of Engineers, to examine the French fortifications and to study more thoroughly the science of war as practiced in the army of Napoleon. After a month's voyage they learned that the battle of Waterloo had been fought two days before landing, and in Paris, occupied immediately by the allied forces, they enjoyed the best opportunities for perfecting a military education, while witnessing daily the evolutions of the troops who had routed the legions of the modern Cæsar.

GEN. SYLVANUS THAYER.

On his return to this country, in 1817, he became Superintendent of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, which position he filled so efficiently that he has since been called the father of West Point. With the powerful aid and coöperation of Mr. Calhoun, then Secretary of War, and by his own skill and energy, he triumphed over countless obstacles and achieved the most entire success. He introduced into this Academy the Analytic Mathematics pursued with so much advantage in the French military schools, and made them to be considered what they truly are, — the ground-work of military education. It is said that much of the skill and success which have attended the departments of military and civil engineering, as applied to the defense of our frontiers and the survey of our coasts and harbors, the construction of our canals and railways, may be traced ultimately to the course of mathematical training pursued at West Point. It is worthy of special remark that no changes have been found necessary in the organization and government of the Academy at West Point since the period of Gen. Thayer's connection with it, but everything remains as he established it in 1817. While under his charge the institution numbered 1,631 pupils and 690 graduates. His health at last compelled him at his own solicitation to choose another sphere of service, and he had charge of construction of Forts Warren and Independence from 1833 to 1857, and other fortifications in Boston harbor. During this period he was sent a second time to Europe by the U. S. Government to examine the state of military science and the fortifications on the Continent. He visited France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Prussia, Austria, Hungary, Greece, and Egypt.

Gen. Thayer was made Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel March 3, 1823; Brevet Colonel March 3, 1833; Lieutenant-Colonel, 1838. The degree of A.M. was conferred on him by his Alma Mater in 1810, and by Harvard College in 1811. The honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred on him by St. John's College, Md., 1839; Kenyon College, Ohio, 1846; by Dartmouth College, 1846; by Harvard College, 1851. He endowed the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College. His

donations in lifetime to this college are well known as about $70,000. He also endowed the Thayer Public Library in Braintree. The Thayer Academy in Braintree was founded by him. His own house, in his later years, was on the land where now the Thayer Academy stands. The fund for these purposes is variously estimated at from $150,000 to $200,000. A ripe scholar himself, he brought to the discharge of his various functions rare personal qualities. Uniting decision with courtesy, authority with kindness, of integrity and unshrinking firmness, true to his country and himself, he was in no ordinary degree fitted for the station he so long and honorably filled.

FIFTH GENERATION.

ABRAHAM THAYER,[6] p. 44, m. SARAH HUNT of Braintree, Mass.

He was b. 1718; m. 1742; d. June 4, 1794.

She was b. ; m. 1742; d.

CHILDREN.

PAGE 45.	Isaac Thayer,[6]	b. May	9, 1742,	m. Abigail Thayer.
	Prudence[6] "	b.	1746,	d. Dec. 21, 1748.
	Avis[6] "	b.	1747,	d. Dec. 26, 1748.
	Sarah[6] "	b. June	3, 1750,	m. Joshua Hobart.
	Avis[6] "	b. Mar.	—, 1751,	m. Adam Hobart.
	Elizabeth[6] "	b. July	28, 1753,	m. Solomon Thayer.
PAGE 24	Abraham[6] "	b. Apr.	30, 1757,	m. Lydia Thayer.[6]
	Relief[6] "	b. Apr.	18, 1759,	m. Zenas French.
	Hannah[6] "			died in infancy.
	Hannah[6] "			m. Sylvanus French.

SIXTH GENERATION.

ABRAHAM THAYER,[6] m. LYDIA THAYER,[6] dau. of Capt. Jonathan and Dorcas (*Hayden*) Thayer of Braintree, Mass. See p. 24.

Abraham Thayer was a soldier of the Revolution from Apr. 19, 1775, under Capt. Stephen Penniman; later under Eliphalet Sawin and others to the close of the war, and also in Shay's rebellion Jan. 19, 1787, under Capt. Elisha Wales.

He was b. Apr. 30, 1757; m. Feb. 18, 1787; d. Jan., 1819.

She was b. Nov. 20, 1755; m. Feb. 18, 1787; d.

CHILDREN.

PAGE 24.	Lydia Thayer,[7]	b. Sept.	12, 1787,	m. Benj. Bowditch.
PAGE 24.	Sarah[7] "	b. Aug.	15, 1789,	m. Charles Hayward.
PP. 24, 50.	Col. Abraham[7] "	b. Dec.	24, 1791,	m. Mary Nash Arnold, *et al.*
PAGE 24.	Nehemiah[7] "	b. Jan.	5, 1795.	
PP. 24, 25.	Jonathan[7] "	b. Apr.	27, 1797,	m. Ruth Penniman.
PAGE 24.	Relief[7] "	b. Feb.	24, 1799,	m. Gardner Penniman.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

COL. ABRAHAM THAYER,[7] p. 49, m. MARY NASH ARNOLD, dau. of Samuel Arnold and Mary Nash of Weymouth, Mass. See pp. 26, 27.

CHILDREN.

PAGE 29.	Nehemiah	Thayer,[8]	b. Oct. 12, 1814, m. Mary Ann Shaw.
PAGE 29.	Charles Howard[8]	"	b. May 12, 1816, m. Mary Ann Bourne.
PAGE 30.	Sarah Howard[8]	"	b. Mar. 18, 1818, m. Capt. Henry Barnes.
PAGE 31.	Mary Weston[8]	"	b. Mar. 25, 1820, m. Chester M. Loomis.
PAGE 32.	Abraham[8]	"	b. Apr. 10, 1822, m. Caroline G. Hersey.
PAGE 32.	Cornelia A.[8]	"	b. Aug. 23, 1824, m. Asa Wellington.

Second wife, ABIGAIL BOWDITCH, who was the dau. of Benjamin and Abigail (*Curtis*) Bowditch. See page 26.

She was b. July 11, 1802, m. 1827, d. May 20, 1880, buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, N. Y.

CHILDREN.

PAGE 33.	Benjamin Bowditch	Thayer,[8]	b. July 5, 1828, m. Lucy Phipps.
PAGE 34.	Caroline Coddington[8]	"	b. Jan. 14, 1832, m. W. E. Bontecou.
PAGE 35.	Eliza Mary[8]	"	b. Dec. 8, 1834, m. Charles S. Huntoon.
	Frank[8]	"	b. Dec. 28, 1837, d. May, 1890.
PAGE 35.	Horatio Winslow[8]	"	b. Nov. 10, 1842, m. Charlotte Ellison.

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